

**State of Nevada**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

**Information for Clinical Social Worker Licensure**

Pursuant to NRS 641B.030(3), Clinical social work means the application of methods, principles and techniques of case work, group work, community organization, administration, planning, consultation, research and **psychotherapeutic methods and techniques to persons, families and groups to help in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional conditions** (emphasis added). Pursuant to NAC 641B.150(1,3), to be licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in Nevada, a person must complete an internship of 3000 postgraduate hours of which **at least 2000 hours must be in the area of psychotherapeutic methods and techniques to persons, families and groups to help in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional conditions in no less than 2 years and no more than 3 years**. The remaining hours should be completed in other areas of clinical social work. A minimum of one hour of supervision by an approved supervisor who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker per week is required. A person who holds a license as a Clinical Social Worker may practice independently.

For the purposes of licensure in Nevada, clinical practice in the area of psychotherapeutic methods and techniques includes, but is not limited to, (1) the use of assessments, i.e. mental health status assessments; (2) determination of diagnosis, i.e. using the DSM IV; (3) development of treatment plans with explicit goals; (4) achievement of goals through the use of one or more intervention approaches, i.e. brief and long-term psychotherapy, family and group therapies, crisis interventions; (5) documentation and review of treatment outcomes. Additionally, the Board looks at the applicant's practice site for information of the client population, typical presenting problems/diagnoses of the clients and whether the position requires knowledge of psychopharmacology. An applicant has the burden of demonstrating that a position constitutes clinical social work.

As noted in our information materials, an applicant has the burden of proving that their hours meet the requirement for the State of Nevada. The following items are required for review:

- (1.) Verification of a passing score for the Clinical level of the ASWB examination from a State Board or ASWB.
- (2.) A letter of verification from your supervisor or State Board which documents at a minimum that:
  - a. you completed a total of 3,000 post graduate hours of which 2,000 must be in face-to-face direct clinical social work practice using psychotherapeutic methods and techniques, and 1,000 supporting clinical hours (i.e.: documentation, case management services related to the face to face hours) in no less than two years and no more than 3 years
  - b. the practice site was an appropriate clinical setting,
  - c. supervision meetings were held face-to-face at least one hour per week during the supervision period
  - d. a description of the client population
  - e. typical presenting problems/diagnoses of the clients
- (3) Verification of supervisor's qualifications including his/her current license status and qualifications to be a clinical supervisor. Minimum qualifications include at least 3 years clinical practice as a clinical social worker and appropriate training to supervise.

Clarification of clinical hours as indicated above must be received before your application can be reviewed. A job description may also be submitted to support the supervisor's description as an appropriate clinical site and which would be equivalent to what a person in Nevada would be required to have to receive approval for clinical hours.

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Please review the following information if you answered “yes” to any of questions 1 - 8 on the application. Applicants who answer “yes” to any of these questions may be required to appear before the Board if deemed necessary. Failure to provide this information will be grounds for denying the application. The use of deceit or fraud in applying for a license will be grounds for denying the application..

**Reporting prior conviction(s) (Questions 1 and 2):**

The Board considers each application on a case by case basis. The following information should be submitted with the application if you answer “yes” to questions 1 and 2.

1. A certified copy of the conviction and disposition of your case from the Court Clerk of the court in which convicted.
2. A letter from you describing the underlying circumstances of the conviction including the nature of the act(s) or crime(s) and the date(s) of the crime.
3. A letter from you describing rehabilitation efforts or changes you have made to prevent future problems. It is your responsibility to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation to demonstrate your fitness for licensure. The evidence of rehabilitation may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. A current psychiatric evaluation which addresses the problem and your suitability for licensure as a social worker.
  - b. Proof of completion of probation if it was required.
  - c. Letters of reference from employers, instructors, professional counselors, probation or parole officers on official letterhead.

The Board may request additional information as it deems necessary.

**Reporting administrative actions (Questions 3 –6)**

The Board considers each application on a case by case basis. The following information should be submitted with the application if you answer “yes” to questions 3 - 6.

1. A letter from you describing the circumstance of the incident.
2. A certified copy of the determination made by the licensing or professional entity.
3. If disciplinary action was imposed, the above document should include date and location of the incident, specific violation, date of disciplinary action, and sanctions or penalties imposed.
4. If disciplinary action was imposed, a letter from you describing rehabilitation efforts or changes you have made to prevent further problems. It is your responsibility to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation to demonstrate your fitness for licensure. The evidence of rehabilitation may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. A current psychiatric evaluation which addresses the problem and your suitability for licensure as a social worker.
  - b. Proof of completion of probation if it was required.
  - c. Letters of reference from employers, instructors, professional counselors, probation or parole officers on official letterhead.

The Board may request additional information as it deems necessary.

**Other Questions 7 and 8**

The Board considers each application on a case by case basis. The following information should be submitted with the application if you answer “yes” to questions 7 and 8

1. A letter from you outlining the circumstances. Further information may be requested.